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SUBJECT: SOVIET BEEF PURCHASES IN ARGENTINA

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1. SOURCES WITHIN MEAT BOARD REPORT THAT 10,000 TONS OF BEEF HAS BEEN REGISTERED FOR EXPORT TO USSR OVER PAST 15 DAYS OR SO. ANOTHER SOURCE WITHIN BOARD FEELS THAT FIRM SALES MAY BE AS MUCH AS 14,000 TONS AND COULD REACH 30,000 TONS DURING CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PRIVATE EXPORT PLANTS AND USSR. TRADE SOURCES CITE EXPORT SALES AT 10,000 TO 12,000 TONS AND PUT PRICE AT \$1,000 PER TON FOR BONELESS BULL AND COW MEAT AND AT \$920 FOR STEER FOREQUARTERS. SOME TRADE SOURCES ARGUE AGAINST EVENTUAL SALES OF UP TO 30,000 AT THIS TIME POINTING OUT THAT BECAUSE OF SEASONAL FACTORS (SPRING) SUPPLY OF BULL AND COW MEAT WILL BE TIGHT AND THAT EXCESS BULLS AND COWS HAD BEEN CULLED OFF PRIOR TO AND DURING WINTER MONTHS.

2. RENEWED INTEREST BY SOVIETS IN ARGENTINE BEEF FOLLOWS RENEWAL OF COMMERCIAL BILATERAL AGREEMENT THAT HAD BEEN INADVERTENTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABROGATED EARLIER THIS YEAR IN AN ATTEMPT BY CURRENT GOVERNMENT TO CANCEL TIES ESTABLISHED BY PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT.

3. DURING LATE 1976, ARGENTINA SHIPPED USSR 11,001 TONS OF BEEF (1,414 TONS OF FROZEN CUTS AND 9,587 TONS OF BONELESS MANUFACTURED) WITH TOTAL VALUE OF \$9.4 MILLION. DURING EARLY 1977 AND ADDITIONAL 21,298 TONS WERE EXPORTED (4,978 TONS OF

FROZEN CUTS AND 16,320 TONS OF BONELESS MANUFACTURED) WITH A  
VALUE OF \$20.9 MILLION.  
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